

St Cuthbert's Service
28th June 2020 10.00am

SING:

Amazing Grace

1. CALL TO WORSHIP

The steadfast love of the Lord
is established for ever.
His faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
The Lord invites us and welcomes us.
Let us worship the Lord.

2. A GATHERING PRAYER

Loving God,
we gather in response to your invitation;
we gather together, welcomed by you.
May the warmth of your welcome
inspire and enhance the worship
we offer to you.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.

3. A PRAYER OF APPROACH

O God, your Spirit draws us into your presence,
and so we come –
drawn by love, upheld by grace –
to encounter Jesus, our Saviour.
We know him as our master.
We know him as our friend.
In him we see the Father,
whose love sent Jesus to us.
Spirit, Son and Father,
we draw close in faith
to offer our praise and worship.
Amen.

4. A PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are sorry, dear Lord,
for the times we judge others
and find them wanting.
We are sorry that we turn away
from your children in their need.
We are sorry that we think we are too busy.
We are sorry for the times our welcome
has been lukewarm.
Forgive us, and help us to remember
the warmth of your welcome,
and to be inspired to share that warmth
with all people.
Amen.

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

5. PRAYER FOR TODAY (called a 'collect')

God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

BIBLE READING: Psalm 89: 1-4, 15-18

- ¹ I will sing of your steadfast love,
O Lord, for ever;
with my mouth I will proclaim
your faithfulness to all generations.
- ² I declare that your steadfast love
is established for ever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
- ³ You said,
'I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to my servant David:
- ⁴ "I will establish your descendants for ever,
and build your throne for all generations."'
- ¹⁵ Happy are the people
who know the festal shout,
who walk, O Lord,
in the light of your countenance;
- ¹⁶ they exult in your name all day long,
and extol your righteousness.
- ¹⁷ For you are the glory of their strength;
by your favour our horn is exalted.
- ¹⁸ For our shield belongs to the Lord,
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

SING: Christ's is the world
(A touching place)

BIBLE READING: Matthew 10:40-42

Jesus said: ⁴⁰ 'Whoever welcomes you
welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me
welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever
welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet
will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever
welcomes a righteous person in the name of a

righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.’

TALK

**SING: I, the Lord of sea and sky
(Here I am, Lord)**

6. AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm our faith together:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

7. PRAYERS FOR OUR WORLD, CHURCH, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

8. THE PEACE

Christ is our peace.

He has reconciled us to God
in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord

be always with you

and also with you.

We greet one another

‘SPIRITUAL COMMUNION’

Guidance On Spiritual Communion at this time of Coronavirus.

The term ‘Spiritual Communion’ has been used historically to describe the means of grace by which a person, prevented for some serious

reason from sharing in a celebration of the Eucharist, nonetheless shares in the communion of Jesus Christ. The form of prayer below offers Christians an opportunity to give thanks for their communion with him, particularly at times when they would ordinarily be present at the Eucharist.

The Book of Common Prayer instructs us that if we offer ourselves in penitence and faith, giving thanks for the redemption won by Christ crucified, we may truly ‘eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ’, although we cannot receive the sacrament physically in ourselves . . .

The Church of which we are members is not defined by the walls of a building but by the Body of Christ of which we are members. In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere to be nourished by the one who tells us, ‘I am the Bread of Life’.

9. SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Jesus said, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’ John 6.35

10. LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name

Your will be done

Your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven

Your will be done

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who sin against us

Your will be done

Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.

Your will be done

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

And some words borrowed from the service of Holy Communion . . .

Father, you made the world and love your creation.

You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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Great is the mystery of faith
**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given us,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for us.
Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day.
Amen.

after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

**Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples,
"I am with you always"
Be with us today, as we offer ourselves to you.
Hear our prayers for others and for ourselves,
and keep us in your care.
Amen.**

O God,
help us to trust you,
help us to know that you are with us,
help us to believe that nothing can separate us from your love
revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

We keep silence for a minute of reflection
(in one sense as if coming up to receive the bread and wine)
recalling as we heard earlier that ...

'if we offer ourselves in penitence and faith, giving thanks for the redemption won by Christ crucified,
we may truly 'eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ',
although we cannot receive the sacrament physically in ourselves.
... In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere to be nourished by the one who tells us, 'I am the Bread of Life'.

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

11. BLESSING

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

SING: Lord of the church

12. A SENDING OUT PRAYER

Go in the name of Jesus,
to follow the way of Jesus,
to love with the love of Jesus,
and to be sustained by the peace of Jesus.
Amen.